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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: John Thomas Aylward Confirmation No.: 2496
 Application No.: 10/034,436 Group No.: 3721
 Filed: 12/27/2001 Examiner: Hemant Desai
 For: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING AND
 PACKAGING FRIABLE TABLETS

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

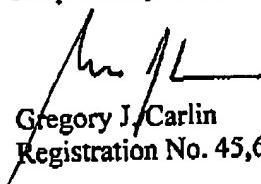
1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003.
2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other <u>Than Small Entity</u>	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

- A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.
 Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

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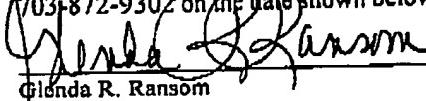
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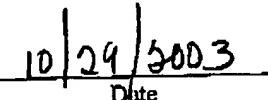
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